

<p align="center"><b>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b></p>	Application Number	New Divisional Application
	Filing Date	<del>Concurrently Herewith</del> 4.6.01
	First Named Inventor	Galo F. ACOSTA et al.
	Group Art Unit	Unknown 174.3
	Examiner Name	Unknown J. Warden
	Attorney Docket Number	2599-103-D1
Title of the Invention: <b>ASSAY WORK STATION</b>		

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of this divisional application, kindly amend the application as follows.

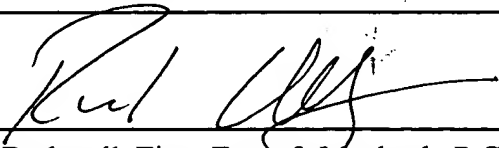
### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-33.

### REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are canceled. Independent claim 34 and dependent claims 35-37, which were restricted out of the parent application, remain pending.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,					
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